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Tunnel restriction code for environmentally hazardous substances, solid and liquid (UN Nos 3077 and 3082)

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Summary

Executive summary: Tunnel restriction code "E" is assigned to both UN 3077 (Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Solid, N.O.S.) and UN 3082 (Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Liquid, N.O.S.) in Table A of ADR. In our view both entries do not pose a significant risk to the environment in tunnels.

Action to be taken:

Reference documents:

[1] The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to "develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)".

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Introduction

1. Tunnel restriction code "E" is assigned to both UN 3077 (Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Solid, N.O.S.) and UN 3082 (Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Liquid, N.O.S.) in Column 15 of the Dangerous Goods List (Table A) of ADR. In our view both entries do not pose a significant risk to the environment in road tunnels.

2. According to 1.9.5.2.2 the restrictions for "Tunnel category E" apply to all dangerous goods other than UN Nos. 2919, 3291, 3331, 3359 and 3373. The risk posed by environmentally hazardous substances of UN 3077 and 3082 in tunnels is as negligible as for the other five entries. We therefore propose to add UN Nos. 3077 and 3082 to the short list of entries in Table A which are exempted from tunnel restrictions.

Proposal

3. In 1.9.5.2.2, for Tunnel category E, amend the text as follows:

"Restriction for the carriage of all dangerous goods other than UN Nos. 2919, 3077, 3082, 3291, 3331, 3359 and 3373 and for all dangerous goods in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.4 if the quantities carried exceed 8 tonnes total gross mass per transport unit.".

4. In section 3.2.1 "Table A: Dangerous Goods List", for UN 3077 Environmentally Hazardous Substance Solid N.O.S. and UN 3082 Environmentally Hazardous Substance Liquid, N.O.S., in Column 15 replace the Tunnel restriction code (E) by (-).